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EASTERN REGION  
June 10, 2004

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Governor

KARL J. DREHER  
Director

Butte County Treasurer and Auditor  
Butte County Courthouse  
Arco ID 83213

**RE: Water District No. #34**

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find copies of the Adopted Budget and Minutes of Water District #34  
They have been read and approved by this office.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dunn  
Senior Water Rights Agent

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**Water District #34  
P. O. Box 53  
Mackay, ID 83251  
Budget  
FY 2003-2004**

	<b>03-04 Actual Expenses</b>	<b>03 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>04-05 Adopted Budget</b>
Watermaster	23,000	23,000	26,000
Clerical	10,336	8,000	9,700
Ditch Riders	1,548	6,000	3,000
Well Measure	6,011	5,000	7,000
Ditch Riders Reservoir	1,173	5,000	3,000
Ditch Riders Antelope	1,000	4,000	3,000
Mileage(Watermaster & Well Measuring)	11,212	10,000	10,000
Gauges	6,805	6,500	7,000
Retirement	2,345	3,000	3,000
FICA & Medicare	3,374	3,200	3,500
Rent	1,500	1,800	1,800
Phone	2,033	1,600	2,000
Supplies, Postage, Misc.	1,522	1,500	1,500
Workers Comp. / State Ins. Fund	2,630	2,400	2,400
Repairs & Calibrations	135	1,000	500
Computer	896	500	500
Audit**	450	800	500
Recharge Exp. ***	Headgates, Permits, Ins. 3,785	1,000	3,000
Cloud Seeding	4,789	2,500	5,000
<b>2002-03 Budget Total</b>	<b>84,544</b>	<b>86,800</b>	<b>92,400</b>
<b>Budget Surplus/(Deficit)</b>			<b>21,847</b>
<b>2003-04 Watermaster Tax</b>			<b>70,553</b>

Cost Factor per CFS for 2003-2004 was: .76

Proposed cost factor per CFS for 2004-2005 is estimated at: .69

Motion is requested as follows:

1. The date for payment of water taxes shall be April 15, 2004. All taxes not paid on that date shall be assessed 10% per annum interest on the total amount due.
2. In the event of non-use a tax in the amount of \$35 may be assessed for administration expense.
3. Per Idaho Code 42-608, the Watermaster's term of service may, by Resolution, provide that the Watermaster shall serve throughout the year.
4. No water shall be delivered until all water taxes due are paid.

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Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region

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Advisory Board Meeting, June 4, 2004 at District Office in Mackay, Idaho.

Present were Preston Bell, Shane Rosenkrance, Alvin Crawford, Bob Duke, Seth Beal, Eric Aikele, Jay Pearson, Jay Jensen, and Art Quist. A Letter from the ground water users was handed out to each member.

Meeting was called to order at 11:45.

The authority of the Advisory Board to finance mitigation was questioned. Seth feels that IDWR has given the Advisory Board authority to satisfy mitigation.

Possibly 50 pumpers signed the petition to oppose the Advisory Board Mitigation Plan.

Jay Jensen assumes they have used 400 + AF through surface and well use thus far this season. A Mitigation well possibly would only pump for 30-40 days. Possibly \$4500 to cover the cost this year.

Mitigation for another year should involve an Alternative plan – all the issues should be discussed before next irrigation season.

Each Board member was given chance to express their opinions about mitigation.

Bob Duke felt that under the circumstances and time involved that direct augmentation was best for this year.

Advisory Board Meeting held June 1, 2004 at the BIC center in Arco, Idaho.

Present were Seth Beal, Shane Rosenkrance, Preston Bell, Logan Williams, Larry Quist, Alvin Crawford, Jay Jensen, Bob Duke, Lynn Rothwell, Terry Monson, Dave Nelson, L. Vaughn Jensen, Lynn Hintze, and Mrs. Lynn Hintze.

Seth Beal called meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Plans for Mitigation funding could be taken from contingency fund or surplus to cover the mitigation cost.

Pumping 110 AF for flow augmentation.

Dave Nelson questioned whether we need to mitigate at all.

Ground water rights, that are not included in the drainage of the Big Lost River, are not included in mitigation, these are administrated separatel

Shane Rosenkrance indicated several would like to challenge mitigation to make them (IDWR) shut the wells off.

District #34 could develop a mitigation plan and the individuals have the option to not accept the plan.

Some of the wells pump more than allowed or pump in addition to storage – or when rights are on.

Shane suggested that our plan include cleaning up the well – surface right issue – using more water that there is a right for.

There is about \$6000 in a contingency fund that could be used for mitigation.

Vote on Mitigation Plan – Yes or No.

Eric moved to participate in a mitigation plan. 5 in favor, 2 opposed. Jay Vaughn abstained.

43,000 inches charged the river – suggested consider this as some mitigation.

Alternate Plan could include:

1 – Storage – rotation credit

2 – Restrict expansion – transfers/sales

Eric moved for Direct Augmentation for 2004 to satisfy mitigation.

Mitch Sorsensen suggested possibly use money in Recharge fund be used to make a study of underground and relation with surface water. Jay Pearson seconded the motion. 3 for – 2 against – Jay Jensen abstained, Shane Rosenkrance abstained.

Meeting adjourned.

Advisory Board Meeting held May 25, 2004.

Present were Seth Beal, Larry Quist, Jay Jensen, Preston Bell, Alvin Crawford, Shane Rosenkrance, Jay Pearson, Bob Duke, Cindy Smyer, and several interested water users.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00. Present were Tim Luke, Jennifer Berkey, and Gary Backman.

Seth explained why meeting was called and why IDWR department is here to explain and determine how mitigation works.

Jay Jensen explained the land and water listed under mitigation call. A total of  $152 + 65 + 87$  acres with 6.53 CFS total.

Mitch Sorensen explained the rights called for mitigation and how they work in combination with their ground water right.

Mitigation will require:

47,000 AF pumped

13% depletion

6110 AF for mitigation

2000 AF in 1<sup>st</sup> half of irrigation season

There was:

38,000 AF pumped last year

13% of this is 11,440 AF

Mitch factored the amount of those called for mitigation which is,  $1.75\% \times 11,440 = 200 \text{ AF} = 5000 \text{ inches}$ , which = 30 inches a day for first half of season and 60 inches for second half.

To satisfy mitigation this year is possible. Another year may not be possible if all that call for mitigation do.

Alternatives – if no mitigation is made – then to call and petition may not be worth it.

Should District #34 propose mitigation Plan for 2004? Motion to propose mitigation by Preston Bell and Seconded by Shane Rosenkrance, passed.

The committee to consider a plan, including the Advisory Board, Dave Nelsen, Terry Monson, Harvey Walker, Mitch Sorsensen, Lynn Rothwell.

Next meeting, Tuesday June 1, 2004 8 PM possibly at City Hall.

Rule 40 – 49.6 CFS – People sign to have water used to charge the river – under control of water master. Delivered down stream – 80.0 CFS.

Futile call information was given to Bob from the IDWR. Explains what is needed to make futile call.

For Beaver Dams on Antelope Creek, request Fish and Game to remove the dams.